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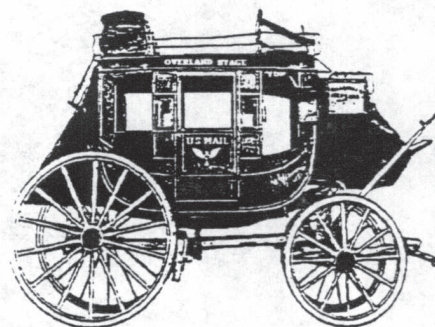
SPEAKER:

This months speaker will be ERIC JAMESON his presentation will be on the mining laws of 1872 & the effects on Utah.

★ PRIZES ★

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Promptness Prize - 1921 Silver Dollar
ALCO Bar/ SLC/10c
34th Ward Store/SLC/
Nephi Merc./Nephi/10c
Cottonwood Dairy/SLC/ 1qt. milk
Silver Round



NEXT MEETING:

The next club meeting will be held Thursday, February, 27 at 7:15 P.M. at the Redwood Multi-purpose Center.

MEDALS

This years medal will be:
\$13.00 for Silver
\$3.00 for Bronze
March 26..... DEADLINE FOR ORDERS
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

SOME OF MEL'S FIND



NOTES AND DOODLES

EDITORS DESK:

Be sure to bring your design, for the medals to the meeting!! We will be voting on them. If you haven't, do it now, before you forget. You may not want to tear your TOKEN HUNTER apart. If so, take a saucer lay it on a plain piece of paper and draw a circle. make your design on it.

Mel gave a exciting presentation on the 27 crucifix' and some 213 religious medals. He found while medal detecting on a old collage campus that dates back to 1791, last fall! After 130 some odd coin, he found a \$10 gold piece. Thanks for sharing the experience with us Mel! It was very enjoyable.

I hate to keep harping on it, but please pay your dues. March issue will be the last one, if you haven't payed your 1992 dues.



Eric & Mrs. Eric Bernkopf had a baby boy on January 16th. Congratulations mom & Dad!

The Club would like to express our sympathy to George Wilson and Family. George's father passed away.

Also to the Doug Wright family, who also had a death in the family.



I have been asked by some club members to have a list made up with names of those interested in trading or buying tokens.(Or what ever). If you would like to have your name and phone number (no address) and what type of material you have or would like to trade, buy or sell, I will add on to the list Byron started and will put it in the TOKEN HUNTER.

EXAMPLE:(Tokens) Utah towns, saloons, doll parts, marbles, mining etc.

Send it to the TOKEN HUNTER 155 So. 1200 W. #98, Orem, Ut. 84058



Junior Jesse Kyte wins the first prize offered by the
National Utah Token Society, at the very first meeting.

TOMMY KNOCKERS
(The Towns of Tinic)
by Beth Kay Harris

Disaster pointed up the superstition that existed among the miners, a thing few people are aware of; but superstition among the miners was as common as among the sailors of the sea.

Saxon or Celt, these beliefs about the mines came with them from the old world.

With the Cornish, it was the "Tommy Knockers." The Cornishmen said that the wail of the dead could be heard from those who had been killed in the mines. These experienced miners, for generations accustomed to the work below, feared nothing about a mine except the Tommy Knockers.

There were those among the Cornishmen who claimed to have heard the warning of the phantom pick in certain parts of a mine. Once this warning had been issued, nothing could induce a Cornish miner to work these drifts. They would say they had been warned by the dead of danger.

Their fears can best be told in one of their ballads:

TOMMY KNOCKERS

'Av you 'eard of the Tommy Knockers
In the deep dark mines of the West
Which the Cornish miners 'ear?
An' 'tis no laughin' jest,
For I'm a Cornish miner,
An' I'll tell you of it today,
Of the "knock-knock-knock" of a tiny pick,
As we work in the rock an' clay.

We go down in the skips with our buckets,
With 'earts which nothing fazes
Each man with a candle to light the way,
Through the tunnels, winzes an' raises,
An' the stale air smells of powder,
An' the mine is full of sound
But 'tis only the noise of a Tommy Knocker
Which makes our 'earts rebound.

"Pick....pick....pick"
Some one be'ind us knocked,
Pick....pick....pick....
('tis souls of dead miners
For they're locked in the earthen wall,
Those that found death down there,
An' 'tis the "knock-knock-knock" of their pick,
Which makes on end stand our air.

So we leave the 'aunted place,
(For we won't work where they be,
An' we're ever we'ear them knockin'
We sure will always flee
For it means w'o ever 'ears it
Will be next in line,
The pick,pick,pick, of the Knockers
Is a last an' awful sign.

FIRE FIGHTERS FIND CACHE
(From The Ogden Standard Examiner)

It isn't a lot of money by today's standards, a few hundred dollars stashed in jars and bottles, and hidden in the eaves of a old two story home in Monroe Utah.

There it lay, forgotten for most of a century, until now. Fire fighters trying to knock down a stubborn chimney. The fire fighters were tearing at the eaves with axes and picks when a jar fell to the ground and shattered. A roll of bills tumbled at the fire fighters' feet.

"We were really kind of surprised," said Sevier County Deputy Dwight Jenkins, a member of the Monroe volunteer fire department. "One fell out...then a couple more."

In all, three old jars and a sealed tin can turned up, Jenkins said. Inside was stashed about \$600 in old currency and silver, including some apparently valuable collectors bank notes.

"It's pretty wild," Jenkins said. "There's 72 silver dollars, and 90 percent of them are over 100 years old." More importantly to coin collectors, all are in excellent condition, having weathered the years sealed in a heavy old Mentholatum jar.

The remainder of the cash, "folding money," according to Jenkins, was stored in a pickling jar and a can that once held pickling spices.

Almost all of the currency dates between 1900 and 1924, including some oversized silver certificates. A few of the notes bear the name of the bank they were issued from, making them doubly valuable, according to coin collector Alvin Rust of Salt Lake.

One of the notes was issued from a bank in Price. Others were from Salt Lake and Boise.

"The Price note is a good one," Rust said. The note could be worth as much as \$200 or more, depending on its condition.

Value of the silver coins will depend on their mint, condition and age, he said.

Speculation about who hid the money is rampant in Monroe, Jenkins said. The most popular rumor is the money belonged to a "couple old bachelors" who lived in the home more than 60 years ago.

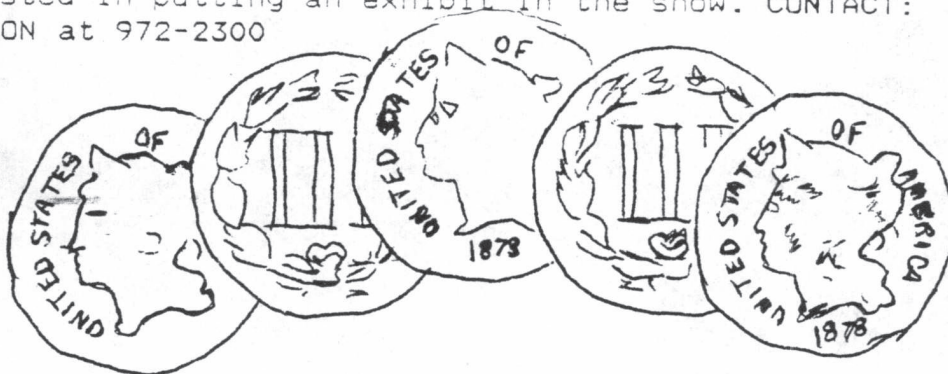
And Jenkins said this discovery isn't the first such on the property. He said the previous owners of the home found more than \$2,500 in old money about a decade ago.

OGDEN STANDARD EXAMINER.

quote.....Abbey said, "you really learn something by having panicked over it at least once."

OGDEN COIN SHOW

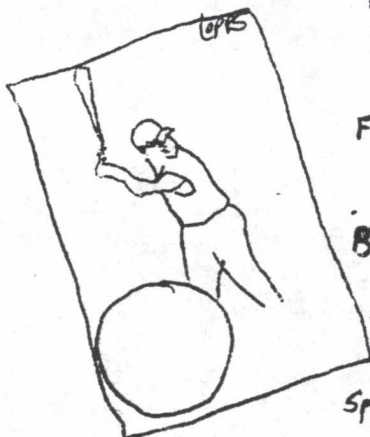
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MINERS BASIN

The Utah gold fever that struck in the 1890's involved every corner of the state. At the 10,000 foot elevation on the flank of Mt. Waas, east of Moab, gold-bearing gravel was discovered in 1888, although not much work was done until a stamp mill was built below the Tornado mine in 1896-97.

A mining district called Miners Basin was established in 1898, & a small town by that name, & abbreviated to Basin, grew up. The town is located above a glacial moraine also containing some gold. The moraine gravels were hard to work however, as the stones were angular rather than being stream worn.

From about 1896-1905 some 75-80 people lived in town. Buildings included two saloons & restaurants, (one of the saloons was run by a blind man by the name of Sam McGraw). a hotel, blacksmith shop, post office, mine buildings & dwellings, all made of logs as timber was so readily available. Mail was taken up from Castleton on horseback six times a week, and supplies as needed.

By 1908 only six to eight families were left attempting to wrest the copper, with traces of silver and gold, from the mountain. After 10 years most of the shafts & tunnels extended only 50 feet into the mts. with the farthest barely 150 feet.

Up until 1966 the mine & buildings were still under lease; a caretaker lived in one of the log houses built in 1898. A couple of mine buildings & power house sit on a ledge up at the caved in mine entrance. Cold, clear water trickles from the opening down in town, several old log buildings of various sizes are clustered together in a picturesque high, Mt. meadow surrounded by evergreens & quaking aspens.

What has become of this town hasn't been reported on in the last 20 years. It might be worth investigating!!



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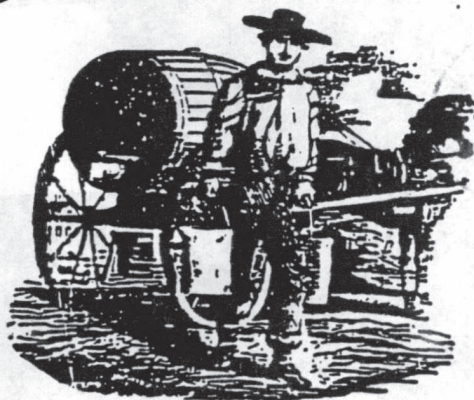
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